

Missouri Fastest Growing Occupations

2020-2022

Missouri is projected to have a net increase of more than 182,000 jobs between 2020 and 2022. This higher-than-usual job increase is due to the projected recovery from the job losses suffered during the COVID-19 pandemic. Of the top 20 occupations in the state with the fastest growth rate, eight are in the *Personal Care and Service* major occupation group, and seven are in the *Food Preparation and Serving Related* group. These occupations are concentrated in industries that experienced major employment declines during the pandemic, but are projected to recover, at least partially, and have high rates of employment growth over the next two years.

Occupation	2020 Estimated Employment	2022 Projected Employment	Net Increase	Percent Increase	Annual Openings	Average Annual Wage
Ushers, Lobby Attendants, and Ticket Takers	2,165	3,239	1,074	49.6%	1,137	\$22,180
Gaming Dealers	905	1,298	393	43.4%	358	\$24,970
Baggage Porters and Bellhops	158	225	67	42.4%	58	\$26,090
Gaming Change Persons and Booth Cashiers	277	389	112	40.4%	112	\$28,240
Hotel, Motel, and Resort Desk Clerks	2,808	3,907	1,099	39.1%	1,058	\$23,310
Cooks, Restaurant	22,917	31,610	8,693	37.9%	7,872	\$26,380
Film and Video Editors	222	306	84	37.8%	64	\$53,350
Dancers	178	238	60	33.7%	62	n/a
Hosts and Hostesses, Restaurant, Lounge, and Coffee Shop	5,345	7,136	1,791	33.5%	2,214	\$21,190
Waiters and Waitresses	34,104	45,344	11,240	33.0%	12,571	\$22,370
Dining Room and Cafeteria Attendants and Bartender Helpers	4,769	6,248	1,479	31.0%	1,612	\$22,050
Funeral Attendants	494	647	153	31.0%	162	\$28,040
Fast Food and Counter Workers	58,510	76,312	17,802	30.4%	21,199	\$22,390
Locker Room, Coatroom, and Dressing Room Attendants	839	1,092	253	30.2%	327	\$22,820
Morticians, Undertakers, and Funeral Directors	584	759	175	30.0%	159	\$43,630
Manicurists and Pedicurists	955	1,236	281	29.4%	252	\$26,300
First-Line Supervisors of Food Preparation and Serving Workers	14,098	18,229	4,131	29.3%	4,280	\$34,810
Dishwashers	5,052	6,516	1,464	29.0%	1,586	\$22,000
Parking Lot Attendants	1,309	1,681	372	28.4%	395	\$24,160
Amusement and Recreation Attendants	4,068	5,221	1,153	28.3%	1,539	\$23,790

Only includes occupations with annual openings of 50 or more. Sources: Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) and the Division of Occupational Employment Statistics (OES). Occupational projections developed by the Missouri Economic Research and Information Center (MERIC).



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